WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

FDI in Civil Aviation Sector

4277. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry requested Government to review the 49 per cent cap on FDI in Civil Aviation Sector; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision for throwing open the sky to Foreign Direct Investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Decrease in cost per passenger mile after merger

4278. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been made on how the cost per passenger-mile will be affected after the merger of Air India and Indian;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cost will decrease and if so, by what percentage; and

(d) if not, the purpose of the said merger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (d) The new merged company viz. National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) with a new generation aviation business Model will have a single code and would aim towards footprint integration, network and schedule integration, joint pricing strategy and distribution integration, procurement synergies infrastructure rationalisation, outsourcing strategy/plan, increasingly harmonious policies and practices, IT integration, back office/services integration and other facilities. This is expected to lead to synergy benefits amounting to